

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
April 9, 2014
MAG Office, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Dr. Spencer Isom, El Mirage, Chair	Gregory Rose, City of Maricopa
Scott Butler for Christopher Brady, Mesa	* Jim Bacon, Paradise Valley
# Anna McCray for George Hoffman,	Jeff Tyne for Carl Swenson, Peoria
Apache Junction	Tom Remes for Ed Zuercher, Phoenix
# David Fitzhugh, Avondale	# Greg Stanley, Pinal County
# Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye	# Tracy Corman for John Kross,
* Gary Neiss, Carefree	Queen Creek
* Peter Jankowski, Cave Creek	* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Rich Dlugas, Chandler	Indian Community
* Charles Montoya, Florence	Brad Lundahl for Fritz Behring, Scottsdale
Alfonso Rodriguez for Phil Dorchester, Fort	* Chris Hillman, Surprise
McDowell Yavapai Nation	Andrew Ching, Tempe
Ken Buchanan, Fountain Hills	# Chris Hagen for Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
Rick Buss, Gila Bend	Joshua Wright, Wickenburg
* David White, Gila River Indian Community	* Jeanne Blackman, Youngtown
Heather Wilkey for Patrick Banger, Gilbert	Trent Kelso for John Halikowski, ADOT
Brent Stoddard for Brenda S. Fischer,	John Hauskins for Tom Manos,
Glendale	Maricopa County
# Brian Dalke, Goodyear	Jyme Sue McLaren for Steve Banta,
# Rosemary Arellano, Guadalupe	Valley Metro/RPTA
Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park	

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the MAG Management Committee was called to order by Chair Dr. Spencer Isom, El Mirage, at 12:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Rosemary Arellano, Mr. Stephen Cleveland, Mr. Brian Dahlke, Mr. David Fitzhugh, Ms. Tracy Corman, Ms. Chris Hagen, and Ms. Anna McCray joined the meeting via teleconference.

Chair Isom noted that a legislative summary was at each place for agenda item #8.

Chair Isom announced that public comment cards were available to members of the public who wish to comment. Parking validation for those who parked in the MAG parking garage was available from staff and transit tickets were available from Valley Metro/RPTA for those who purchased transit tickets to come to the meeting. Hearing assisted devices were available from MAG staff.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Isom stated that Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. Public comments have a three minute time limit. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the committee requests an exception to this limit.

Chair Isom recognized public comment from Ms. Dianne Barker, who first spoke of the excitement over the possibility of life on Mars. She stated that while getting information on this, she pulled up a picture of astronauts, who were very fit. Ms. Barker stated that multimodalism keeps people fit. She stated that Complete Streets helps out in various modes. Ms. Barker stated that people discount or challenge her because she rides a bicycle. She stated that a sign at Alligator Alley in Florida reads, "When there is a car, all bikes to the right." Ms. Barker noted that the alligators are to the right. She quoted Rodney Dangerfield. Chair Isom thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chair Isom recognized public comment from Mr. Pat Vint, who expressed his wish that he had settled in a city other than Phoenix when he arrived at Luke Air Force Base in 1952. Mr. Vint stated that the city of Chandler is in the black, unlike the city of Phoenix that is in the red. He referenced Chair Isom's request to comment on topics relevant to MAG. Mr. Vint stated that all of the cities need to help their big brother, the city of Phoenix, which is in danger of going down. Mr. Vint stated that if Phoenix goes down, everyone will go with it. He said that if cities were run by women, we would not be in this situation. Mr. Vint stated that something needs to be done. He recalled how he and Chair Isom now have a good and respectful relationship. He remarked that if Phoenix goes down, it will take the rest of the cities with it. Chair Isom thanked Mr. Vint for his comments.

Chair Isom recognized public comment from Mr. John Rusinek, who spoke on his ongoing dust problem. Mr. Rusinek stated that he attended a Phoenix budget meeting at the Devonshire Center with Ed Zuercher and Councilman Sal DiCiccio (who has never met with Mr. Rusinek). He said that he had asked them to look at the driveway relevant to his dust complaints (which is a 60-second drive) but they did not answer him. Mr. Rusinek stated that the driveway is 81 feet in length and is covered in the wrong gravel. He said that at this driveway is a 13-foot city right-of-

way with no dust prevention. Mr. Rusinek explained that they put in a No Parking sign, but people can still drive on it. He wondered how many other non-dustproofed driveways covered in gravel were in Phoenix and why no one was correcting dust problems. Mr. Rusinek suggested that inspectors should notice and report such problems when they are driving around during their regular daily job duties, rather than the citizens having to take care of them. Chair Isom thanked Mr. Rusinek for his comments.

4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, stated that MAG is in the process of updating its Title VI and Environmental Justice Plan and Public Participation Plan. In accordance with federal requirements, the documents are available for a 45-day public review and are scheduled for final approval during the May Regional Council meeting. The plans are available to view at the MAG office, or they can be accessed through the home page of the MAG website.

Mr. Smith stated that on March 21, 2014, the sign marking the future Interstate 11 was unveiled near Hoover Dam by Arizona Governor Brewer and Nevada Governor Sandoval. Mr. Smith noted that the idea for Interstate 11 was generated from MAG's Hassayampa Study and the vision of Mr. Bob Hazlett, MAG Engineer. Mr. Smith stated that the issue impacting the construction of Interstate 11 is funding; all of the funding coming to Arizona is already programmed. He added that they hope funding will be available in the new transportation legislation.

Mr. Smith reported that the MAG region received the Best Intergenerational Community Award, which was presented in Washington, D. C. He stated that two Arizona Congressional representatives were in attendance: Representatives Ann Kirkpatrick and Paul Gosar. Mr. Smith acknowledged the efforts by Amy St. Peter, MAG staff, and he noted that the award flag that MAG received has been installed near the trophy case on the second floor.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG sponsored a tour of undergraduate and graduate students from the Sonoran Institute of Technology (ITSON) with the Arizona Mexico Commission, and the Phoenix Consul General of Mexico. He said locations on the tour include the Phoenix Biomedical Campus, Greater Phoenix Economic Council, Arizona State University, Arizona Center for Algae Technology, United Dairymen of Arizona, Ponderovey Dairy, Central Arizona Project, Arizona Municipal Water Users Association and Valley incubators. Mr. Smith noted that Alana Chavez-Langdon, MAG staff, coordinated this project.

Mr. Smith stated that the All Ages, One Region Conference was held on March 27, 2014, at the Glendale Civic Center. He noted that approximately 200 people were in attendance.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG staff was in Tucson this past week and discussed streamlining the border process with the joint field command, and Customs and Border Protection. He noted that the Arizona Congressional Delegation worked together for Arizona to receive an additional 170 Customs and Border Patrol officers.

Mr. Smith stated that the second Binational Economic Forum will be held in Nogales, Sonora, on April 10-11, 2014. He said that 76 officials in Arizona and Sonora have signed up to attend the forum, where the agreement to establish a megaregion between Arizona and Sonora will be signed. Mr. Smith explained that the San Diego Association of Governments was a partner in a megaregion formed in 2008. He remarked that Mexico is very important to the economy of Arizona. A short video on this topic, produced by AZCentral, was shown.

Chair Isom thanked Mr. Smith for his report.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Isom stated that agenda items #5A, #5B, and #5C were on the Consent Agenda.

Chair Isom recognized public comment from Ms. Barker, who referenced public comment from Mr. Rusinek at the March Management Committee meeting regarding the Phoenix ordinance forbidding parking or maneuvering on non-dustproofed surfaces. Ms. Barker remarked that the minutes accurately reflect the public comments made by herself, Mr. Rusinek, and Mr. Vint. She read from the letter submitted by Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest that said, "EPA's approval of the 2012 Five-Percent Plan without requiring meaningful and appropriate contingency provisions would be arbitrary and capricious and contrary to law." Ms. Barker commented on Mr. Rusinek's property and said there were 279 exceedances for dust in 2011 and 308 exceedances in 2012. She stated that the letter states there is a failure to require the state to demonstrate compliance with all Clean Air Act requirements and the plan does not include adequate control measures for agricultural emissions. Ms. Barker urged the cultivation of proper vegetation around the Eloy area to help prevent dust storms and accidents. Chair Isom thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chair Isom recognized public comment from Mr. Vint, who filled out a comment card for Consent Agenda item 5B, On-Call Consulting Services Selection for Travel Survey - Data Application. He said that there is \$600 million – \$120 million for rural areas, \$35 million for planning grants, and \$445 million for urban areas. He said if you go southeast you will get into what we used to call dust storms but are now haboobs since we have gone to the Far East and all they are doing is spending time trying to find a new word to describe dust storms. Mr. Vint stated that this is a disgrace. He said that the Phoenix TIGER application is on the agenda and the city does not have a representative at the meeting. Mr. Vint stated that all Mr. Smith reports is wonderful. They are going to take a bus to Tucson, sign an agreement, take the bus across the border, and while it was parked, someone probably took off the hubcaps, filled them with dope, and they will get away with it. Mr. Vint asked how many cities had a deficit like the city of Phoenix and still give their city manager a raise. He said there are now three Phoenix city managers – two of them are retired and collecting a quarter of a million per year pension. Chair Isom requested that Mr. Vint stay on topic. Mr. Vint stated that he thought he was on topic because millions were being discussed. He said that three city managers cost Phoenix about \$815,000 per year. Mr. Vint stated that they had to hire a review committee. He said that he thought when people were elected or appointed to do a job they should be qualified to do the job, not pay millions of dollars to bring in outsiders to tell

them what they do not know and will not pay attention to anyway. Chair Isom thanked Mr. Vint for his comments.

Chair Isom recognized public comment from Mr. Rusinek, who filled out a comment card for agenda item 5C, Status of Remaining MAG Approved PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects That Have Not Requested Reimbursement. He said that years ago, street sweepers used more water to control dust than they do now. Mr. Rusinek remarked that today, sweepers leave hardly any water and he wondered if anyone was monitoring the sweepers to ensure they are effective in keeping down dust. Mr. Rusinek commented that his neighbor with the driveway has landscapers who use dust blowers, which send dust into the air. Chair Isom thanked Mr. Rusinek for his comments.

Chair Isom asked members if they had questions or requests to hear a presentation on any of the Consent Agenda items. None were noted. He asked if there were any requests to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. None were noted. Chair Isom called for a motion.

Mr. Josh Wright moved to recommend approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Darryl Crossman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5A. Approval of the March 12, 2014, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, approved the March 12, 2014, meeting minutes.

5B. On-Call Consulting Services Selection for Travel Survey - Data Application

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the list of on-call consultants for Area of Expertise A (Regional Travel Surveys): Cambridge Systematics, Inc., Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc., Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Westat Inc. For Area of Expertise B (Data Application, Data Analysis and Model Development): Arcadis U.S., Inc., Caliper Corporation, Cambridge Systematics, Inc., Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc., Westat Inc. . For Area of Expertise C (Traffic and Infrastructure Data Collection and Data Management): American Transportation Research Institute, Cambridge Systematics, Inc., Midwestern Software Solutions, LLC, Traffic Research & Analysis, Inc., for a total amount not to exceed \$4,500,000. The fiscal year (FY) 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2013, includes \$4,500,000 for a three-year project, On-call Consulting Services for Travel Survey - Data Application. The main purpose of the project is to collect regional travel survey data from residential households and non-residential establishments within the same time frame for the purpose of re-calibrating and improving regional travel forecasting models, updating regional travel forecast, and providing information required for a variety of planning applications at MAG and MAG member agencies. A request for qualifications was advertised on January 30, 2014, for technical assistance in three areas of expertise: (A) Regional Travel Surveys, (B) Data Application, Data Analysis and Model Development and (C) Traffic and Infrastructure Data Collection and Data Management. Ten proposals were received by the February 28, 2014, deadline. On March 18, 2014, the multi-agency evaluation team met and recommended consultants to MAG to perform the technical assistance.

5C. Status of Remaining MAG Approved PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects That Have Not Requested Reimbursement

Currently, all of the PM-10 certified street sweeper projects that have received authorization to proceed, have submitted a request for reimbursement. To assist MAG in reducing the amount of obligated federal funds carried forward in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, MAG has requested that street sweepers be purchased and reimbursement be requested by the agency within one year plus ten calendar days from the date of the MAG authorization letter.

6. USDOT TIGER Grant Round 6 - FY 2014

Eileen Yazzie, MAG staff, reported that on March 3, 2014, the federal government issued a notice of funding availability (NOFA) for the sixth round of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant funding. She said that the TIGER grants began during the era of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in 2009.

Ms. Yazzie stated that in the past, the total of TIGER funding available varied from \$400 million to \$600 million, and this year, \$600 million is available through a multimodal, merit-based, competitive grant program. She explained that there is a set aside of \$120 million for rural areas and \$35 million for planning grants, which leaves \$445 million dedicated for capital projects in urban areas, such as the MAG region.

Ms. Yazzie stated that projects submitted to compete for TIGER funding are evaluated on how well they meet the six primary selection criteria: state of good repair, safety, economic competitiveness, livability, environmental sustainability, and project readiness; and the two secondary selection criteria: innovation and partnership.

Ms. Yazzie state that the TIGER Round 6 application process has fast approaching deadlines. The grant submission is due on April 28, 2014, and requires that all projects have a completed benefit-cost analysis. Ms. Yazzie stated that there are changes in this round in comparison to previous rounds. First, there is priority consideration for projects that ‘better connect communities to centers of employment, education, and services (including for non-drivers) and that hold promise to stimulate long-term job growth, especially in economically distressed areas.’ Secondly, previous TIGER grant application cycles had a priority emphasis on project readiness/federal obligation. Round 6 projects have until September 30, 2016, to obligate, which means projects have to be complete with federal design, environmental, and right-of-way process by June 2016.

Ms. Yazzie stated that projects submitted must have a minimum 20 percent local match, and the U. S. Department of Transportation ‘will not consider funds to be matching funds if the source of those funds is ultimately a federal program.’

Ms. Yazzie stated that three capital projects were submitted to MAG: (1) City of Buckeye project – Traffic interchange improvements to include ramp extensions signalization and marking. Miller

Road arterial widening to include additional traffic lanes, stormwater, sewer and dry utility improvements. Yuma/Durango widening to include sewer and additional lanes. She noted that this project was more of a traditional roadway project. (2) City of Chandler project – The project includes the widening of a segment of Queen Creek Road and Cooper Road south of Queen Creek. Both segments will also include asphalt paving, curb, gutter, raised median for access control, sidewalk, bike lanes, street lighting, landscaping, access to adjacent commercial parcels, utility relocations, drainage improvements, and traffic signals. Ms. Yazzie noted that this project was more of a traditional arterial street project. (3) City of Phoenix project – A Complete Streets project in the Central Avenue corridor from Jefferson Street to Baseline Road that includes an expansion of parking at the Ed Pastor Transit Center, corridor wide bicycle and pedestrian improvements, sidewalks, lighting, and bicycle infrastructure improvements along Central Avenue and the major intersecting arterials, corridor-wide bus stop enhancements, and south transit facility refurbishments.

Ms. Yazzie stated that two planning projects were submitted to MAG. (1) Town of Gila Bend planning project – Downtown Revitalization Study. (2) City of Phoenix planning project – Environmental/corridor planning efforts for the high capacity transit corridor on Central Avenue between downtown Phoenix and Baseline Road.

Ms. Yazzie stated that on March 27, 2014, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval to support the Phoenix capital project on Central Avenue between Jefferson Street and Baseline Road and the Phoenix planning project in the same area, either as a joint project or a separate project, based on the feedback between the City of Phoenix and the U. S. Department of Transportation.

Chair Isom thanked Ms. Yazzie for her report and asked members if they had questions.

Mr. John Hauskins moved to recommend approval of the TRC recommendation: to support the Phoenix capital project on Central Avenue between Jefferson Street and Baseline Road and the Phoenix planning project in the same area, either as a joint project or a separate project, based on the feedback between the City of Phoenix and the U. S. Department of Transportation. Mr. Rich Dlugas seconded.

Before a vote was taken, Chair Isom recognized public comment from Mr. Vint, who expressed that Ms. Yazzie had good ideas, but the project on Central Avenue to Baseline Road will be a disaster because it is light rail. Mr. Vint stated that the rail should have been elevated, which would be better and cost less than light rail. He said that assembling the system elements elsewhere, and delivering them at night will decrease the inconvenience to business owners and drivers. Mr. Vint suggested that if anyone ever did anything worthwhile in their lives they should try to cross 19th Avenue where light rail is being built. He said that it is congested at all hours. Mr. Vint stated that you should feel guilty and someone needs to be held accountable. Mr. Vint expressed the possibility that the young lady could sign the front of the checks after she makes the money instead of talking about \$600 million like it was pocket change. He stated that it is not her money or your money, but our money. Mr. Vint stated that he hated to get nasty, but the detectives were not at the meeting today, so he could get away with anything. He said that he will have

respect and will not do what he should do. Mr. Vint stated that citizens and city staff need to be accountable. He guaranteed that if Phoenix goes down, everyone will go down. Mr. Vint stated that light rail is a disaster and Mr. Zuercher is given credit for the success of the system because he was able to talk people out of their property. Chair Isom thanked Mr. Vint for his comments.

With no further discussion, the vote on the motion passed unanimously.

7. Update on the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 and Exceptional Events

Lindy Bauer reported that on February 6, 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a notice proposing to approve the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10. She noted that comments were due on the plan by March 10, 2014.

Ms. Bauer stated that the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest submitted comments urging EPA to reconsider its proposed approval of the plan. She noted that the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest also submitted an independent analysis of the July 18, 2011, exceptional event. Ms. Bauer stated that the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest feels that the Plan failed to include best available control measures and most stringent measures.

Ms. Bauer stated that the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest went through the comments included in the notice published by EPA in September 2010 when EPA was proposing partial approval and partial disapproval.

Ms. Bauer stated that the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest also feels that the Plan does not adequately address control measures for agricultural emissions. In addition, the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest questioned the effectiveness of the dust action general permit held by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

Ms. Bauer stated that the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest questioned EPA's approval of 131 exceedances of the PM-10 standard due to exceptional events.

Ms. Bauer stated that the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest questioned the EPA's finding that the region had met the standard because EPA has not taken action on 2013 exceptional events. She stated that the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest questioned the contingency measures in the plan that were implemented early rather than later. Ms. Bauer stated that EPA will be addressing comments.

Ms. Bauer stated that several letters in support of the EPA proposed approval of the MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan were also submitted – from Senator Jeff Flake, MAG, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Maricopa County Air Quality Department, the City of Phoenix, businesses and industries.

Ms. Bauer spoke of the six exceptional events that occurred in 2013. She said that MAG prepared five of the demonstration packages and all of them have been put out for public review and

submitted to EPA. Ms. Bauer noted that there have been no exceedances of the PM-10 standard and no exceptional events in 2014.

Chair Isom thanked Ms. Bauer for her report. No questions from the Committee were noted.

8. Legislative Update

Nathan Pryor, MAG staff, provided an update on legislative issues of interest. He reported that MAP-21, the federal transportation legislation, is set to expire at the end of September 2014. Mr. Pryor stated that MAG has been working with two national associations – the National Association of Regional Councils and the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors – to address legislative provisions in the next surface transportation authorization. He noted that these associations have recently been meeting with House Transportation and Infrastructure staff in preparation for new and/or revised legislation. MAG continues to push for streamlining of processes, and greater decision-making and more direct funding for large MPOs.

Mr. Pryor reported that the House Budget Committee chair, Congressman Ryan, has released a proposed budget for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2015. The proposed House budget would constrain transportation spending significantly. At this time, it is uncertain if the Senate will entertain an FFY 2015 budget or continuing resolutions.

Mr. Pryor stated that the Highway Trust Fund is expected to be insolvent by late summer. He explained that in past years, Congress and the Administration have transferred general fund revenues to fill shortfalls. It is uncertain if that will occur this year. Mr. Pryor remarked that this could mean potential delays in reimbursing program spending to states, regions and local governments.

Mr. Pryor then addressed State legislation. He said that the House and Senate have passed an FY 2015 budget which has been sent to the Governor's office for consideration. Mr. Pryor pointed out that this budget includes a transfer of \$89 million in Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) to the Department of Public Safety. Mr. Pryor stated that in January 2014, the MAG Regional Council sent a letter to the House, Senate and Governor requesting an end to HURF sweeps. One of the related budget provisions (Senate Bill 1487) includes directing \$30 million in HURF to counties and municipalities in percentages reflecting current non state distribution of HURF revenues. The proposal also includes \$60 million for each of the next two fiscal years with the same provisions.

Mr. Pryor stated that last month the MAG Management Committee supported a February 27, 2014, letter sent to members of the Arizona House from the councils of governments and metropolitan planning organizations within Arizona. This letter was in opposition to House Bill 2069 which would prevent future employees of political subdivision entities, like MAG, from being enrolled in the Arizona State Retirement System. Mr. Pryor advised that House Bill 2069 has stalled, but since the Management Committee last met, provisions in that bill were proposed as an amendment to Senate Bill 1082. Mr. Pryor stated that the proposed amendment did fail, however, staff will continue to monitor the legislature in case this provision comes back as another

attempted amendment. Mr. Pryor expressed appreciation for the support of member agency elected officials, managers, staff, and intergovernmental representatives on this effort.

9. Development of the FY 2015 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Becky Kimbrough, MAG staff, reported that each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed incrementally in conjunction with member agency and public input.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the draft FY 2015 Work Program includes an additional GIS Analyst I position for developing and maintaining a large number of regional geospatial data sets, some of which will be used to enhance the employer database; performing analyses; providing map authoring services; and developing and maintaining online mapping applications.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the draft FY 2015 Work Program proposes 4.64 percent for FY 2015 budgeted salaries and that any increases to individual MAG salaries be performance based. She noted that no increases were provided in FY 2010 and FY 2012. From FY 2010 to FY 2014 the average annual compounded increase over this period was three percent, and with the proposed increase, the average annual compounded increase from FY 2010 to 2015 would be 3.27 percent. Ms. Kimbrough stated that the annual performance evaluation is the basis for any potential salary increases for MAG staff. Each MAG staff has an annual performance evaluation in June and may receive an increase based on this evaluation. She added that the total of salary increases is proposed to not exceed \$375,000.

Ms. Kimbrough asked members if they had questions on this section of her presentation. None were noted.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that a bicycle/pedestrian associate in the amount of \$26,500 has been added to the consultant project list.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the Intermodal Planning Group meeting was held March 28, 2014, and included a review and comments on the draft FY 2015 MAG budget by the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Arizona Department of Transportation, the City of Phoenix and other related parties. Ms. Kimbrough stated that comments from the attendees of this meeting were positive and no recommendations for changes to the budget were made. Ms. Kimbrough stated that the reviewers mentioned the impressive work that MAG is doing, and called MAG “best in class.” Ms. Kimbrough stated that the complete budget would be presented to the committees in May for approval.

Chair Isom thanked Ms. Kimbrough for her report. No questions from the committee were noted.

Chair Isom stated that MAG was founded in 1967 to accommodate long range planning efforts for many jurisdictions. He said that when he came to the Valley, he needed to understand the complexities of MAG’s work, and he was helped by many MAG staff members. Chair Isom stated that these efforts enable the advancement of communities. He said that Ms. Eileen Yazzie

was critical to those efforts and she made herself available to answer his questions. Chair Isom recognized Ms. Yazzie for this, and he wanted to recognize MAG for the difficult work it does, especially when an individual is challenged in a public forum. He commended MAG and Ms. Yazzie for their important work and bringing people and organizations together to advance planning for the region.

10. MAG Human Services Provider Inventory Update

Amy St. Peter, MAG staff, provided a report on the MAG Human Services Provider Inventory. She said that human services transportation serves older adults and persons with low incomes or disabilities. Ms. St. Peter noted that this region has significant assets in transportation but there are not enough to meet the growing need for transportation as people age. She said that as older adults give up their keys, they very often give up connections to family and friends, medical care, and opportunities to contribute to their communities.

Ms. St. Peter stated that MAG is reaching out through a variety of activities to support communities in meeting the transportation needs of their residents. She reported that recently, MAG hosted more than 200 people at the All Ages, One Region Conference at the Glendale Civic Center. Ms. St. Peter expressed appreciation to the City of Glendale for their assistance on the conference.

Ms. St. Peter stated that MAG provides technical assistance to communities wanting to improve the connections older adults have to people of all ages. Transportation is often the biggest barrier. She said that MAG is supporting pilot projects in Tempe, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and the Northwest Valley. Wickenburg is the newest pilot project. Ms. St. Peter expressed that she hoped to work with all member agencies.

Ms. St. Peter explained that www.Connect60Plus.com is another resource available to everyone at any time. The website includes a variety of opportunities to connect to resources, information, and people in the community.

Ms. St. Peter stated that one of the more important features on the website is the MAG Human Services Transportation Provider Inventory. MAG develops the inventory each year as one of the elements required in the human services transportation coordination plans. Ms. St. Peter stated that the inventory was available previously only in hard copy format, but that was not searchable; having the inventory electronically online allows for searches and interactivity.

Ms. St. Peter demonstrated the online functions of the database, which can be filtered for service area, modes of transportation, and eligibility to provide the most appropriate transportation solution. She pointed out that clicking on the fields allows the user to control the information they receive. Clicking on the blue crosses provides more detailed information about that particular service, including the ability to link to the agency's website.

Ms. St. Peter stated that nonprofit, for profit, and transit options are available through the inventory. Data is kept current by MAG staff contacting the providers on an annual basis for

updates. Ms. St. Peter stated that the inventory is being used by people in this region, as well as by people across the country. In particular, adult children who live elsewhere are using the site to assist their aging parents who live here.

Ms. St. Peter stated that this is an opportunity for cities and towns to include information about this inventory in their newsletters and websites. She added that the inventory is available on www.connect60plus.com and on the MAG website.

Chair Isom thanked Ms. St. Peter for her report. No questions from the committee were noted.

11. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Management Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting were requested.

No requests were noted.

12. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity was provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

No announcements were noted.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary